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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Mamiya et al. EXAMINER: Singh, Dalip K.  
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FOR: **IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEM, HOST DEVICE, IMAGE DISPLAY  
DEVICE AND IMAGE DISPLAY METHOD**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect the claims directed towards the Group I (claim nos. 1 to 4, 13 to 16, 20 to 22, 25, and 26), with traverse. Claims 1 to 26 are pending.

As set forth in MPEP §803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions.

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Examiner stated that the Group I claims, 1 to 4, 13 to 16, 20 to 22, 25, and 26, are classified in class 345, subclass 555, the Group II claims, 5 to 7, 17 to 19, are classified in class 345, subclass 1.3, the Group III claims, 8, 9, 23, and 24, are classified in class 345, subclass 520, the Group IV claims, 10 and 11, are classified in class 345, subclass 556, and the Group V claim, 12, is classified in class 345, subclass 538. While the image display system of the Group I, the image display system of Group II, the image display system of Group III, the host device of Group IV, and the host device of Group V may be distinct for the reasons set forth by the Examiner, Applicants believe that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden.

For example, the claimed subject matter in Group I, Group II, and Group III are all related to image display systems. Further, it is believed that the subject matter of Group I, Group IV, and Group V is commonly classified in class 345/subclass 530. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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